

## Rating Appeals (Costs) Bill.

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### MEMORANDUM.

Under the existing law as to rating appeals the cost of supporting at quarter sessions the assessments made for the purposes of the poor rate falls entirely on the union or parish immediately concerned.

These appeals often involve questions of principle affecting the assessments of the county at large for the purposes of the county rate.

This Bill proposes to permit the county council in such cases to agree with the union or parish authorities to contribute to the costs of such appeals.

Where such an agreement was made the expenses in question or a portion of them would be spread over the larger area concerned—the county—and the county council could reserve the right to have a voice in the conduct of the respondents' case upon the appeal.





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Enable the Councils of Counties and County Boroughs  
to contribute to certain Costs of Appeals against  
Poor Rates. A.D. 1907.

**B**E it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1.—(1) Where any appeal is brought against the poor rate of any parish and it shall appear to the council of the administrative county or county borough in which the union comprising that parish is wholly or partly situate that such appeal involves a principle in which the parishes in that county or borough, or  
10 some of them, have a common interest, it shall be lawful for that council to enter into and carry into effect an agreement or agreements with the guardians of the union comprising the parish, or with the respondents to the appeal, or with any of those parties, for the payment by the council of such proportion as may be  
15 determined by the agreement of the costs and expenses which may be properly incurred in and about the trial of the appeal on the part of the respondents, or any of them, and of any costs of the appellants which may be awarded against the respondents.

Agreements  
as to costs  
of rating  
appeals.

- (2) Any such agreement may provide that any payment by  
20 the council thereunder shall be conditional upon the performance or observance of any terms thereby imposed upon the other parties thereto or any of them in relation to the appeal.

- (3) All expenses incurred by a council in pursuance of this Act shall be defrayed in the case of the council of an adminis-  
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A.D. 1907. ~~trative~~ county out of the county fund and in the case of the council of a county borough out of the borough fund.

Extent of Act.           2. This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland or the administrative county of London.

Short title.           3. This Act may be cited as the Rating Appeals (Costs) 5 Act, 1907.



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